

31(new). A speaker verification method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a plurality of different test utterances from a speaker;

(b) comparing the plurality of different test utterances to a plurality of training utterance for the speaker to form a plurality of preliminary decisions;

(c) combining the plurality of preliminary decisions to form a verification decision.

#### Remarks

The applicants have canceled claims 1-21 and have added new claims 22-31, which are fully supported by the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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